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Culture Week
Students share traditions with campus, community

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Price of Wartburg education shatters $30,000 mark

Overall total up 7.31 percent; increase is second-largest among benchmark institutions

ALAN SIMMER *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

The price tag for a Wartburg education for the 2007-2008 academic year is $31,435.

This is an increase of $2,140 or 7.31 percent from this year's total of $29,295.

This jump in price is the second-largest in the current 11-year run of price increases. Since the run began, the price of a year at Wartburg has increased more than 85 percent.

Tuition alone will go up by 7.37 percent to $23,600, a $1,620 mark-up.

Average room and standard board were increased by 2.96 and 4.27 percent, respectively.

Fees for next year increased by 62.74 percent, due to the new fee for the Wartburg-Waverly Wellness Center. The $300 charge includes approximately $70 that had previously been included in

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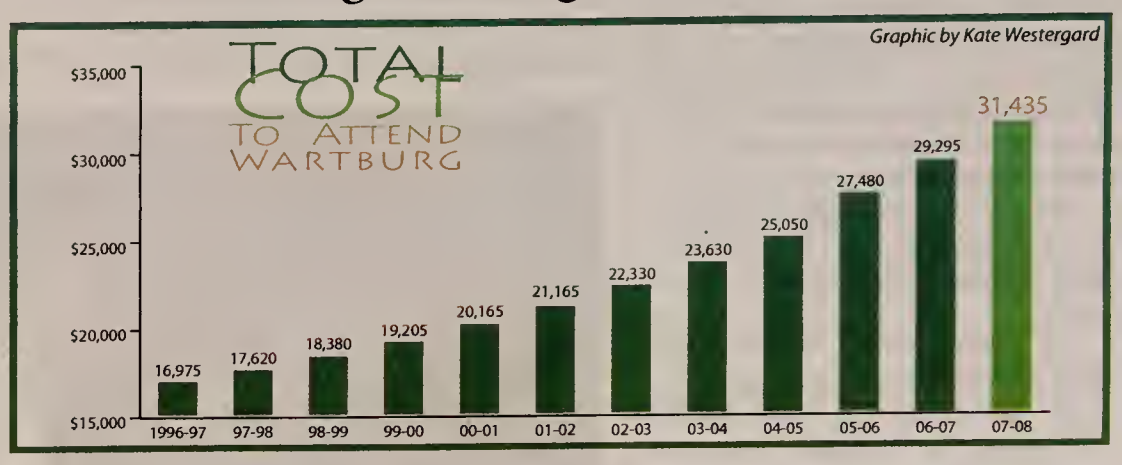

Katrina: snapshot of hope

Roland Ferrie/*Trumpet*

Editor's note: Roland Ferrie, Photo editor, and Aaron Hagen, associate editor, spent winter break with a service trip group in New Orleans.

During their time in New Orleans, the two met with various Louisiana residents and spent time at other sites important to the disaster of Hurricane Katrina in August of 2005.

See pages 7-11 for more coverage of their adventures. Also, a slide show of pictures may be viewed online at www.wartburg.edu/trumpet.

Administrator included in Augustana dean search

LAURA GREVAS *NEWS EDITOR*

Edie Waldstein, the vice president for enrollment management, has interviewed for a position at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Edie Waldstein

Waldstein is listed on Augustana's Web site as one of four finalist candidates for the college's senior vice president of academic affairs and dean of the college position.

She did not wish to comment Friday on her relationship with Augustana or any information published on the site.

Waldstein did say that she remains loyal to Wartburg.

"I am not looking for another job," she said.

Waldstein explained that, generally speaking, a person visiting a campus for an interview could result just as easily from having been invited by the college or a search firm as opposed to resulting from an active search for a new job.

President Jack Ohle said that faculty and administrators are continually asked to apply for positions at other institutes of higher learning.

"Sometimes search firms, especially at this level, invite you to explore an opportunity with them," Waldstein said. She declined to specify whether this scenario applied to her current situation.

Ohle said he would support anyone who looks at other positions. "It's a tribute to Wartburg and to her," he added.

Waldstein has served at Wartburg for 18 years. She has held her current position since 2001 when she was the assistant dean of faculty. Her husband Fred is a professor of political science.

Jane Kuper, vice president of human resources at Augustana, declined comment but did say they hope to have the position in question filled by Aug. 1.

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Orientation extended for incoming students

SARAH MOON *STAFF WRITER*

Orientation will be two days longer and will include nine hours of class time that focus on academic preparation this fall.

Students will move in Thursday, Aug. 30, instead of Saturday. Orientation groups will be divided into Fall Term sections of IS 101, EN 111 and RE 101.

Vicki Edelnant, Pathways Center director, said the decision to change orientation had a lot to do with Wartburg's retention rate.

Edelnant said Wartburg's retention is not where we would like it to be. She and others looked at why students leave Wartburg and conducted research regarding other schools' retention rates.

Aaron Schutte, the academic ombudsperson, said a group of faculty, staff and students did research that showed students need more class preparation.

> *'You set out to fix the more underlying causes of why students leave.'*

"Some of the students ??leaving here are not being academically prepared," Schutte said.

Edelnant said students who leave often cite change in major, cost and wanting to be closer to home. Edelnant said faculty and staff want to treat the cause, not the problem.

"You don't set out to fix retention. You set out to fix the more underlying causes of why students leave," Edelnant said.

Schutte said the new format will help students to become more familiar with the IS 101 reader, develop study skills and see a sample syllabus.

Students also are reading a chapter from "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien.

"It's a good way to talk about

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Denied vote debated again

Senate hopes for full faculty to vote on issue

CHELSEA DELONG *STAFF WRITER*
ALAN SIMMER *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

The April 5 faculty meeting will be the last chance this academic year for students to reclaim votes on two key committees. The two students on each of the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) and the General Education Committee (GEC) are allowed to sit in on meetings but cannot vote on issues.

Aaron Schutte, the academic ombudsperson, sits on EPC and said students have felt like they've hit a wall until now. He said their perspective is important.

"It's vital to have students on [these] committees," Schutte said.

The original proposal died in EPC while the committee waited for the language of the document to be refined. A motion of support was called and failed to garner a consensus.

The vote issue is now being brought to Faculty Review Committee (FRC) by a faculty representative for consideration. The language of the motion has been cleaned up and should not cause any trouble this time

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Big Burritos
Pablo's opens new location in Waverly mall

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Culture dinner sells out; nationality booths added

SNEHA PRADHAN *STAFF WRITER*

Wartburg celebrated Culture Week with the theme "The world comes to Wartburg" this year. The main event featured cuisines, cultural exhibits and performances by international students from more than 30 countries.

The exhibits showcased 25 countries and the performances included traditional dances and songs from more than 12 countries. The Wartburg International Chorus, a choir for international students, sang the Wartburg Loyalty song and "We are the world" with the audience.

"Even though it's Culture Week, in a sense it's international week," Kevin Roiseland, director of international programs, said.

An Indian movie, "Ashoka," along with two documentaries based on human rights violations, called "Between Two Fires" and "Outlawed," were shown by Americans for Informed Democracy. International students also painted the windows of the student center with facts about other countries.

"As international students, the best we can do is to show a portion of our culture and practices," Ashenafi Mamo, president of International Club, said. She also said the performances and different foods help people understand cultural differences.

Pastor Ramona Bouzard conducted a worship service for culture week. Kathy Traetow, office coordinator for the global and multicultural studies office, also spoke.

Culture Week attracted more than 200 guests from the community and the college. The host families of international students usually make up the majority of the guests.

"Sometimes the broader community is so much more enthusiastic than the domestic students themselves," Roiseland said. "I think because there are lots of families, there is an ulterior motive. They want their kids to be introduced to different cultures, and this is one of their best ways to have their kid's mind opened up."

According to Roiseland, the college has been supportive and would like to see more events promoting different cultures. However, he also pointed out that people are not "really hospitable in the international sense."

"Sometimes we are afraid of offending people and how they are going to react. We do not want to take that risk. That's not a bad thing to be afraid of offending a person," Roiseland said. But it can be misinterpreted as a lack of interest or dislike of the person, Roiseland said. "You don't want to make a mistake, but you also don't want them to think I'm taking an interest in them just because they look different."

Culture Week was sponsored by the International Club and the international programs office.

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Roland Ferrie/*Trumpet*

Nipun Ranasinghe performs a Sri Lankan song at the Culture Festival performance Sunday.

Wartburg forms International Chorus

SNEHA PRADHAN *STAFF WRITER*

International students are starting a choir of their own — the Wartburg International Chorus (WIC). WIC has been formed to promote international understanding of cultures through music. The chorus also aims to provide an enjoyable choral experience, especially to non-Christian students.

The chorus is open to any student, faculty or staff who is interested in music. One does not need to be able to read music or have choral experience.

Xingxing Wang from China and Hiro Saito from Japan co-founded the chorus as part of culture week.

The WIC council consists of Saito, student director; Mari Voelker, assistant student director; Kartika Putri, accompanist and Wang, who organizes the chorus.

"I think we're making history at Wartburg," Wang said.

WIC's goal this semester was to perform during culture week in March. The chorus will possibly perform national anthems of its members' countries, a famous song in different languages and the Wartburg loyalty song.

"All students have different backgrounds. It is going to be very tough to pick the song they want to sing. Its going to be tough for them to be one choir because some students are very experienced singers, but others are not," Saito said.

While the WIC is not yet a formal student organization, the council wants to get as much involvement as possible from the Wartburg community.

"I think choir would be a great tool for bonding international students and U.S. students because I feel international students tend to be together and not hang out with American students," Saito said.

The international chorus will have two rehersals a week. Those interested in joining the WIC can e-mail hiroyuki.saito@wartburg.edu for more information.

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New York Supreme Court Justice to visit pre-law students

Justice Goodman will network with locals and teach students about the real world of law

MEKEA WILLIAMSON *STAFF WRITER*

Justice Emily Jane Goodman will visit campus Thursday as this year's Woodrow Wilson Fellow.

Goodman, a New York State Supreme Court Justice, and several other local legal experts will speak to Wartburg's pre-law club at a reception in the Castle Room at 5 p.m.

For the first time, the pre-law club will be in charge of the annual event. The purpose of the event is to allow students interested in law to meet with top legal professionals.

Vicki Edelnant, the faculty adviser for the pre-law club, has selected a committee of three students to plan the reception. Edelnant said attendees will have the opportunity to decide whether law is the profession they want to pursue.

"I think some students want to go to law school because they see television shows about lawyers and they think that is what a lawyer does," Edelnant said. "This is a real-life chance for them to find out what being a lawyer is like and the work they do in detail."

Scott Fullwiler, professor of economics and business administration, first received information about the campus visit from Goodman. Fullwiler extended the invitation to all departments and faculty, but it was the pre-law club that volunteered to host this year's visit.

"Essentially, given that Justice Goodman is going to be on campus for a week, and given that we have a pre-law club, it was a natural to bring them together," Fullwiler said.

Fullwiler said the event would also provide the opportunity for Justice Goodman and local professionals to meet.

However, he said the main reason for the luncheon is for the students.

"For pre-law students, it's an opportunity to meet someone who has reached the top of the legal profession," Fullwiler said.

Emily VanOosbree, one of the student event coordinators, said she volunteered to arrange the event so she could work with legal professionals and help in the pursuit of her future goals.

A private dinner for Goodman and the pre-law club members will follow the luncheon.

According to the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation's Web site, Goodman has written on subjects including mediation, custody, divorce, housing discrimination, and battered women. She also has written and co-written several books. Goodman taught at the New York University Law School and Center for Urban Legal Education.

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Tuition ranks in the middle of benchmark schools

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The general fee went up by $40 to a total of $400 after discounting the removal of the student health fee.

Wartburg has the second-largest percentage and dollar increase when compared to the college's 12 benchmark institutions this year. Data from Nebraska Wesleyan was not available.

Wartburg's tuition falls roughly in the middle of the pack, ranking higher than six of the 11 institutions for which data was available.

The letter sent out to returning students this year emphasized the financial aid available to students, including tax breaks like the HOPE Scholarship for freshmen and sophomores and Lifetime Learning Credits for juniors and seniors.

Rich Seggerman, the chief business officer, said the majority of student dollars go to pay salaries, fringe benefits and financial aid.

"We're fairly tuition dependent," Seggerman said.

"It's going to the faculty and the academic programs," Jack Ohle, president of the college, said.

The pool for faculty raises was set at three percent.

According to FinAid, tuition rates have historically increased anywhere from 1.25 to two times standard inflation, with the trend hovering around a double increase for the last decade. The Cost of Living Adjustment for 2006 was 3.3 percent, which measures the amount purchasing power must increase to keep up with inflation.

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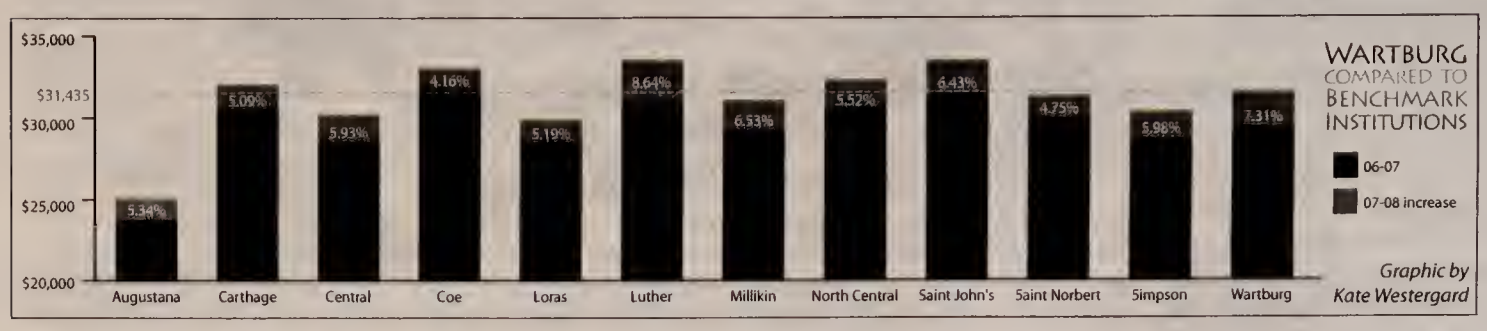

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Longer schedule raises concerns

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transitions, model college reading, critical thinking and discussion skills in a way they can connect to," Edelnant said.

At first, Schutte was concerned about the new length of orientation.

"Students get kind of tired and with the really busy schedule, and they're not attending certain events, but the thing that is nice is that the schedule implements free time," Schutte said.

Edelnant and Schutte were also concerned about orientation starting on a weekday because many parents work.

Another concern is conflicts with athletic schedules. Edelnant said Rick Willis, athletic director, was involved in orientation planning, and they were able to change the orientation schedule to accommodate games.

Though the cross country team will miss the first part of orientation due to training camp, faculty will work with freshmen involved in cross country before they leave.

Despite concerns, Edelnant and Schutte said students will be better prepared academically. Edelnant said she and the faculty hope students will gain a better idea about college expectations and learn strategies such as time management and critical reading.

"If more students stay, this will be worth it," Schutte said.

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Sacket to perform for GAYLA week

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Pianist, singer and songwriter Sacha Sacket will perform in the Lyceum Wednesday, March 21 at 8:30 p.m. to kick off GAYLA week. This is Sacket's second appearance for Wartburg's GAYLA week.

Sacket's music is often compared to Rufus Wainwright and Tori Amos. The performance will consist of his original songs and a few surprise cover songs. Sacket is releasing his third album, "Lovers and Leaders," this spring.

"With my new album, I was in a place where my career always got in the way of relationships. My career is somewhat comsuming, so I had a hard time with the separation between love and leadership. I needed a balance of both," Sacket said

Sacket's music is his major form of communication. He strives for lyrics that people can relate to.

"People hide behind lyrics that few people understand. My goal is to be as clear and open as I can be," Sacket added.

Wartburg is beginning a tour with his Wartburg appearance. In the past he's performed at more than 150 colleges. He also started his own recording studio, Gold Sphinx Records.

Organizer of GAYLA week and assistant director of residential life, Rob Anderson, first heard Sacket's music at the 2001 Pride Festival in La Crosse, Wisc.

This is Wartburg's second annual GAYLA week. The theme is "It's not just a gay thing!"

"The theme is being used to promote campus-wide support of the events and to let people know that the week isn't just for members of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender (GLBT) community and friends," Anderson said. "But for anyone interested in learning more about the history and issues surrounding the lives of GLBT people."

Alliance co-president, Mark Forsyth, explained that GAYLA week is meant to educate about gender and sexuality while bringing elements of "gay culture" to campus.

Forsyth describes the purpose as "to give all students, gay and straight, the opportunity to experience the fun in the gay culture, as well as learn something along the way."

Events include a cabaret show, a showing of "Brokeback Mountain," an information session with Elizabeth Bendalin about being transgender, a sexuality discussion and an information session about homophobia with Eric Anderson.

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GAYLA WEEK EVENTS

- Lovers and Leaders Tour: An Evening with Sacha Sacket
  Wednesday, March 21
  8:30pm McCaskey Lyceum
- Drag in the City: 2nd Annual Cabaret Show
  Saturday, March 24
  8:00pm Neumann Auditorium
- Alliance Film Series: Brokeback Mountain
  Sunday, March 25
  8:00pm McCoy Rooms
- Gender 101: What is Transgender Anyway?
  Monday, March 26
  7:30pm McCoy East Room
- Spirituality and Sexuality: A Discussion
  Tuesday, March 27
  9:00pm Knights Village Community Room
- An Evening with Eric Anderson
  Wednesday, March 28
  7:30pm McCaskey Lyceum

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Ritterchor Eboys auctioned to benefit Invisible Children

TARA LEWIN *ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR*

The Ritterchor raised $965 for the Invisible Children organization at Thursday's Eboy auction.

Garrett Hufford and Jon Palmquist received the highest bid with $101, followed by event organizer Vern Klobassa with $100 and Nathan Peterson with $60.

"We had an amazing turnout at the event," Klobassa said. "It went better than I ever could have expected."

Hufford agreed, "I think that it's great that people cared enough about the organization to pay $101 for a date with Jon Palmquist and myself."

Volunteers for the auction were taken from the Ritterchor first and other "visible and active" gentlemen from Wartburg's student body were then asked to join the cause. In total, 22 men were auctioned off.

The auction was inspired by a documentary that Klobassa borrowed from his church pastor and viewed with the rest of the Ritterchor earlier this year.

"Since Ritterchor lost Christmas with Wartburg as its main event, there had been a lack of purpose and focus," Klobassa said. "We decided to adopt the cause to raise as much money as we could for the Invisible Children and to inform as many as we can about the atrocities that are occurring in Northern Uganda."

The Invisible Children organization raises money and awareness to help the children of Uganda who were forced to serve in a rebel army in an ongoing civil war that has been fought for 20 years.

All of the proceeds from the auction, as well as some of the money raised by donations from previous Ritterchor concerts, will go to Invisible Children.

ETK co-sponsored the event. Restaurants in the Waverly community also donated gift certificates to help auction participants with the cost of their dates.

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Local Briefs

"Talk Fest" scheduled to discuss politics

OrangeBand, Campus Ministry, ETK, Wartburg Republicans, Democrats and the Green Party will host a night promoting successful dialogue from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the St. Elizabeth Ballroom. A panel of three students will be present to share their perspectives about the misconceptions of political preferences that take place on Wartburg's campus.

Chellevold, staff awards announced

Congratualtions to Dr. Brian Birgen, winner of the John O. Chellevold Award for Excellence in Teaching and Professional Service. Derek Solheim was the recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Staff Award.

Tap City to perform for final Artist Series

Tony Waag's Tap City will complete the 2006-2007 Artist Series at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Neumann Auditorium. Tap City presents the best of the annual New York City Tap Festival, backed by a live jazz trio. Students may pick up their free ticket at the ticket office from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. through Thursday afternoon.

Habitat for Humanity service day postponed

The service day that was originally scheduled for Saturday, March 17, is now scheduled for Saturday, March 24. The Volunteer Action Center will collaborate with Habitat for Humanity for the service day.

Cedar Valley's "Secret History" featured

"The Secret History of the Cedar Valley" will be on exhibit in the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery of the Bachman Fine Arts Center now through April 14. The exhibit features art, design, photography, video, original music, ephemera and other cultural artifacts celebrating the impact of the underground music scene in the Cedar Valley over the past 30 years.

Informational meeting held for Wartburg West

Bonita Bock, co-director of Wartburg West, will hold an information meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in Buckmaster, WBC 214. First and second-year students are invited to attend to hear about opportunities available through the program and to hear from alumni of the program.

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Editorials

Tuition increases kill hopes of returning collegiates

Tuition, as we all knew it would, has gone up again this year, and returning students are going to feel the pain. We're more than $30,000 now, which is a significant milestone psychologically if not in the pocketbook.

Obviously, tuition goes up for many varied reasons, like inflation and increases in other fixed costs such as salaries and heating costs. This is money that the college needs to operate. But the amount a college student can afford does not necessarily increase from six to eight percent annually.

Nearly one out of every four freshmen last year decided not to come back to Wartburg. Administrators have indicated that money is but one of many varied reasons students leave, but rising tuition costs certainly play a role in some situations.

What are the ways to combat this? A gripe many students have is that their Regents and Presidential scholarships do not increase proportionally with increases in tuition. While raising merit awards by six percent each year wouldn't cover the total amount of the increase in tuition, it would be more fair.

Another, and perhaps the best option, is to freeze the total price of attending Wartburg for each incoming class. The senior class was quoted $23,630 when they started here, and this year they had to wrestle with $29,295. If that original price had been locked in, it would represent a difference of $10,935 during the three years that followed.

When a majority of college students are already or will end up being thousands of dollars in debt, $10,935 makes a difference. No matter how much money one could save, any amount would help in the long run.

There is a not inconsiderable list of collleges and universities that have tried tuition freezes for a year or have mandated them permanently. All Florida public colleges are required to lock in a four-year freeze for every student, a policy that began in the 2005-2006 academic year.

Investing in a college education right now is like investing in the stock market for only four years. Stocks have proven returns as long as the investor is willing to keep in the market for decades, not months. College is much the same way, where the investment we make will pay off for the rest of our lives.

However, in the short term, we have to hold on and pray that we'll be able to stay in the market for the next year. hoping against hope for a four, five or six percent increase instead of an eight, nine or 10 percent jump.

Investors expect to take losses in the short term, but it's widely known that it takes money to make money. Most college students don't have that luxury.

It would be a step in the right direction to take at least some of the guesswork out of the financing for higher education. Students and their parents have enough to deal with when starting college without worrying if the tuition hike next year will mean the end of their quest for a degree.

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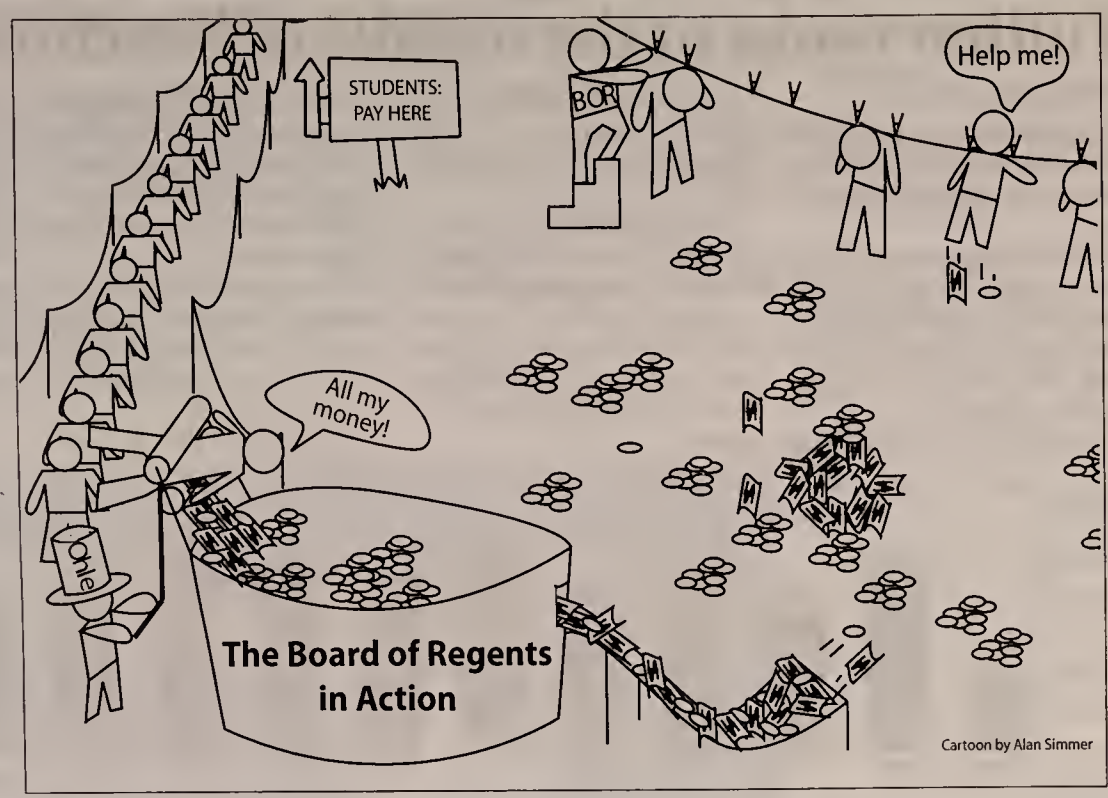

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Letters to the Editor

Disregard of life deserves attention

Did you give no thought to the fact that these living creatures were wantonly murdered for no reason other than to be draped on someone's vehicle? Your whole piece is about the cars and the people and not one word about the true victims of this act of cruelty — the rabbits. This callous disregard of life — all life — is a big part of the reason we have the problems we have today. It sure would help if members of the press would SEE this problem and bring it to the attention of the public.

Lana Lehr
Bethesda, MD

Students serving others after storm

Volunteers dislodged students' vehicles before winter break

There are always opportunities for service. Several students answered that call on March 1 and 2 and never left the campus. They volunteered their time and physical strength to help fellow students dislodge their vehicles in the student parking lots from the ice and snow that fell in late February. These Knights certainly came to the rescue of many. We, in campus security, sincerely thank them for assisting us help those students with vehicles literally frozen to the ground. These students could have easily left campus when their classes were over, but they remained longer to help anyone who needed assistance. Thanks for a job well done, guys! You made a difference.

John Myers
Campus Security

Working towards lab use agreement

Efforts being made to accomodate students' computer needs

In response to the editorial "Move classes out of computer labs whenever possible" in the Feb. 27 Trumpet:

The underlying premise of your editorial seems to be that computers in labs should be available to students whenever they would like to use them. This may be a valid assumption, but it is not the one that has governed lab use in the past. In the past there has only been an effort to make sure that computer labs are available to students for a reasonable amount of time.

For example, last year there was a growing demand for the journalism lab. As the volunteer manager of this lab, I predicted that this growing demand would shut out much opportunity for students to use the lab in the future, so I requested a new lab to be used as an extension of this lab. The administration acted very quickly, and in less than a year a new lab was created, increasing the number of computers available to communication arts and art students from 24 to 44. In the past, the administration has been equally sympathetic and active, and has for instance moved many classes that do not need the computers out of this lab.

At this point there are less than 5 hours per week when classes meet in both communication arts and art labs at the same time according to the class schedule. This is out of a total of about 112 hours during the week the labs are open. This leaves 107 hours per week for students to work in the labs! Most colleges would be envious of this kind of lab availability.

The point your editorial seems to make - that students should have access to lab computers at all times is a completely new one for me. This editorial is in fact the first time I have ever heard it hinted at. There have never been requests for it, nor has anyone approached me about it regarding the Journalism and art labs.

There is an ongoing sincere effort to schedule only classes who need the computers into the journalism and art labs - in fact, the classroom use of the the labs has dropped remarkably during the last few years. I would like to know how this is an "ever-growing problem" in reference to these labs, especially if one looks at the abundant amount of time the labs are available this year compared with last year. If it is indeed a problem, let the students, faculty, and administration work together to address it. The vague references to some classes not using the computers all the time doesn't help much.

Thomas Payne, Art Department Chair

Video games linked to both violence and lower crime

MATT VOIGTS *GUEST COLUMNIST*

I love video games; I'll get that bias out in front of me. Unfortunately, I rarely find time to play them.

These days, however, I get more enjoyment in hearing other people talk about video games. A lot of people do it. They really are an interesting topic, the new medium of our generation.

Unfortunately, inside the mainstream media, talk often comes in the form of statements like this: "Research led by a pair of Iowa State University psychologists has proven for the first time that exposure to violent video games can desensitize individuals to real-life violence."

The accuracy of this statement's claim of originality is, of course, attested to by the fact that when I was attempting to find the original article I read weeks ago and wanted to write a column about, I wrote over 400 words before realizing I was, in fact, referencing a similar study from 2000, which made similar claims as to video games and violence, with even less evidence.

Or maybe its because, as Duke Ferris wrote in an article much better and more detailed than my own back in 2005:

"To be fair, there have been about 300 studies on the effects of violent media, about 30 of which have been about video games. Most have found little to no connection, although some studies found a small, casual correlation between aggressive people and violent media."

Sometimes all one has to do to discover new things is go against a well-established body of evidence and all logic.

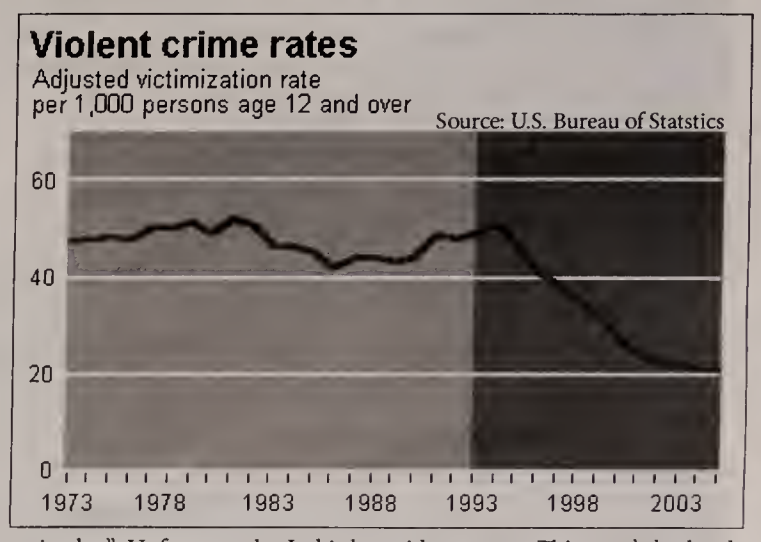
I count among my generation those opposed to war, those who believe in non-violence — some of the same people who will gladly sit down and blast me halfway to next Tuesday on Halo.

This is also why, according to the U.S .Department of Justice Bureau of Statistics, juvenile violent crime rates have fallen steadily since the early 90s and are currently well below half the rate they were in the 70s, when the Bureau began keeping statistics.

According to the same Iowa State news release, in the study heart rate and skin response measurements were taken before and after the subjects played video games. Participants were then asked to watch a videotape of actual violent episodes taken from TV programs and commercially-released films, while the biometric monitoring continued.

This study is nicely illustrative of why gamers generally get annoyed at studies like this: They are only able to produce results in a highly theoretical laboratory setting.

To its credit, this one tries. It almost steps outside the box. It even uses words such as "actual violent episodes." Unfortunately, I think those currently experiencing, for example, the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict would take issue with using such a label to describe "episodes taken from TV programs and commercially-released films."



Fortunately, I have an actual, real life experiment you can do at home to prove, once and for all, whether video games desensitize people to real-life violence: find a video gamer. This won't be hard. Some of them are probably your friends and neighbors. Video games generate more than $8 billion a year in sales; not all their players can be institutionalized. Find one of them who owns a dog, preferably a cute one.

Now, butcher it in front of them. Gauge response.

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Benchmark institution choice could improve

ALAN SIMMER *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

The best way to beat an opponent is to learn from them. It is in that spirit, I believe, that Wartburg has established benchmark institutions that we can use to see how we're performing in many areas, including admissions, alumni giving and financial solidarity.

I find Wartburg's list of benchmark schools rather interesting. Some are the usual suspects, like Augustana (Sioux Falls) and Luther.

The rest were surprising to me: Carthage, Central, Coe, Loras, Millikin, Nebraska Wesleyan, North Central, Saint John's, Saint Norbert and Simpson.

The standards we use for benchmarks are full-time enrollment from 1350 to 2250 students, operating expense from $25 million to $65 million, endowment between $30 million and $75 million and tuition and fees from $19,000 to $25,000.

Those certainly describe Wartburg and the other institutions, but is that really who we need to be comparing ourselves to?

The only association I have with Millikin is an oil drop experiment by a man with a similar sounding name from my chemistry class in high school. Are we fighting for prospective students with them?

I went to Princeton Review, a very popular college search Web site, and looked at Wartburg. It offered me some other schools that students considering Wartburg had also checked out.

The list includes Luther and Coe. The rest aren't benchmarks, but include Augsburg, Beloit, Bradley, Cornell, Drake, Elmhurst, Grinnell, Gustavus Adolphus, Lawrence, Marquette and St. Olaf.

The three state schools and other universities like Minnesota and Wisconsin-Eau Claire also featured, which makes perfect sense with such a large percentage of students from the Midwest.

Why aren't more of our benchmark institutions the schools that, it appears, directly compete with us for students? It's great to compare Wartburg to schools that may be clones of us, but is that who we need to be outpacing?

I remember being encouraged to apply to colleges that were distinct from one another. Apply to one in a large city, one that's more rural, one that has lots of students, one with fewer students, a state school, and one that there's no way I should have gotten accepted to.

I didn't know exactly the profile of the school I wanted, and I doubt most if any high school seniors do. I didn't know I wanted a school with 1600 students with tuition about $23,000 and then applied to a bunch of colleges that fit that narrow profile.

Our benchmarks seem like we've taken a cross-section of colleges where all the indicators are the same. I'd much rather we looked at colleges we differ from.

We may not look as good compared to a broader selection of colleges. We may look better.

But doesn't it make sense to try to imitate and compete with the schools that prospective students — and by extension, the community at large — compare us with?

It's great that we're looking at other colleges and universities and trying to learn from them, ostensibly to help our students learn from us. Now let's compare ourselves to the schools we're like in character and appeal, not statistically.

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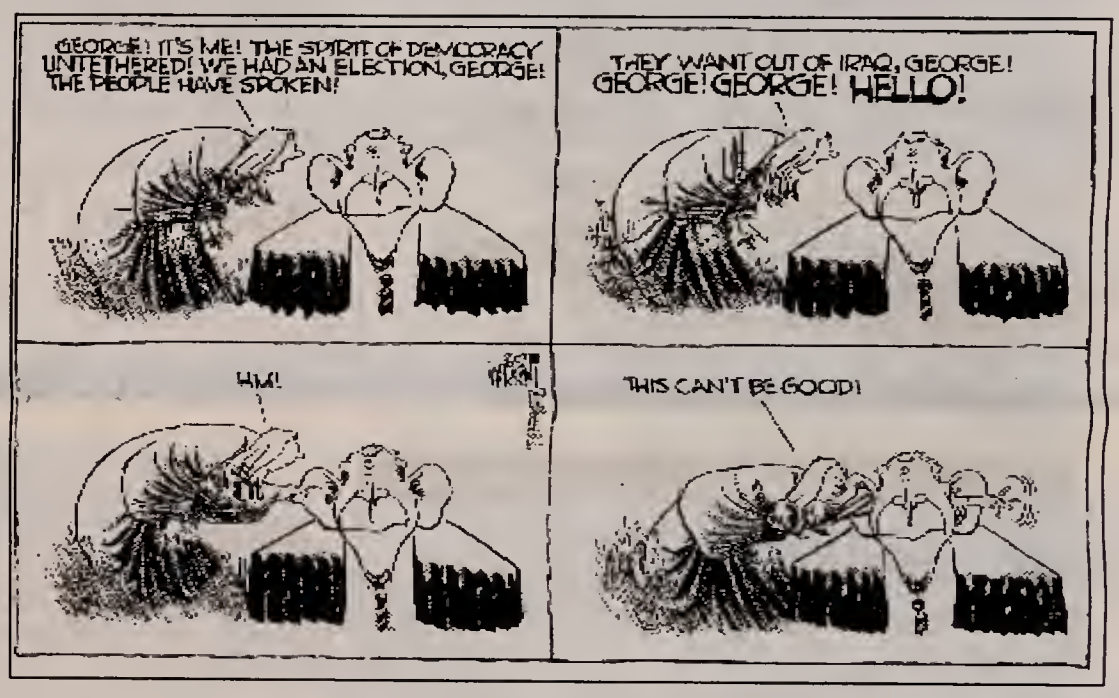

Immigrants need opportunity for U.S. future

TOM PARKS *GUEST COLUMNIST*

Aliens: Illegal, Undocumented, Immigrants, Doctors, Authors, Teachers, Social Changers. These words do not go together, unless they are somehow intertwined in a way that you are unaware of. As tension and fences rise in our country dealing with the issue of undocumented immigrants, there is one demographic that our two political parties seem to be coming together on—students.

Why students? The economic well-being of our country depends on their successful education. In states like California, 41 percent of individuals between the ages of 15 and 24 are Latino, many of whom are undocumented immigrants.

The Urban Institute in concordance with the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois are home to up to 50,000, more than 100,000 and more than 400,000 undocumented immigrants.

For many upcoming undocumented high school graduates, the decision to come to the United States was not their own. Yet they are here, and here is home. These students have undergone the same curriculum and academic requirements as their classmates and deserve the same opportunities to succeed as anyone else.

In 2001, the United States Congress first introduced an idea to help support these undocumented students. It has changed shape over the years to become what is now known as the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act.

The DREAM Act would eventually legalize students who have lived in the U.S. for more than five years since the age of 15 or younger, graduated from high school and applied for conditional legal status.

The conditional legal status lasts for six years, in which time a student must graduate with a two-year degree, complete two years of a four-year degree or complete two years of active U.S. military service, all while maintaining good moral character. After this, the student would be legalized as a U.S. citizen.

The Urban Institute estimates that 65,000 students who graduate from high school each year would qualify for citizenship under the DREAM Act. Each year, 65,000 future leaders of the United States would have an opportunity to make a lasting change by finding a lasting presence in this country.

The DREAM Act gained some momentum this past May when it passed the Senate, but it was ignored by the House. However, with more bipartisan support than ever this session, there is a feeling that this is the year it will finally be enacted.

I urge you to contact your state senator or representative and take the time to write him or her an e-mail. As part of an institution that could adopt some of those most gifted 65,000 high school graduates annually, I encourage you to talk to our administration, faculty, Student Senate and to one another.

Your voice does make a difference. I believe in diversity not for the sake of diversity or quotas as is so often talked about at our institution for higher education, but diversity for the sake of unity, justice and progression.

Take time to reflect and do something to enact this dream in our nation, on our campus and in your own heart.

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Senior expo reaches most

KRYSTAL FOWLER *MANAGING EDITOR*

Almost 300 pending graduates attended the first Wartburg Grad Finale held in the ballrooms of the Student Center Wednesday.

The purpose of the expo was to centralize activities seniors need to complete before leaving Wartburg, including ordering caps and gowns and making sure their tuition bills are paid in full.

Most of the potential May and August graduates seemed to be able to attend. Of those that attended, a majority had completed all stations of the expo within the first two hours.

Games and food were provided in the center of the ballrooms. Individual drawings for gift cards and other prizes were available at tables around the room. Several other prizes were available to seniors for attending.

According to Derek Solheim, associate director of the Pathways Center for career services, winners will be notified this week.

The information from the response surveys students were asked to complete will be compiled this week as well.

"We hope to start compiling the information ... and begin to review the feedback the following week," Solheim said.

"I have heard only positive responses to the event ... many students commented on how much they liked the one-stop shopping feature of this event," Solheim said.

According to Solheim, students who weren't able to attend will have to go about graduation preparations the old-fashioned way. Caps and gowns can be order in the Bookstore. Perkins Loan exit interview information nd student bill status can be obtained in the controller's office. Graduation status can be checked in the registrar's office and financial aid information can be obtained from the financial aid office.

The senior expo will most likely become an annual event, with a smaller event during Fall Term for December graduates.

Some students were not able to attend the expo and were unhappy that it was a one-time event.

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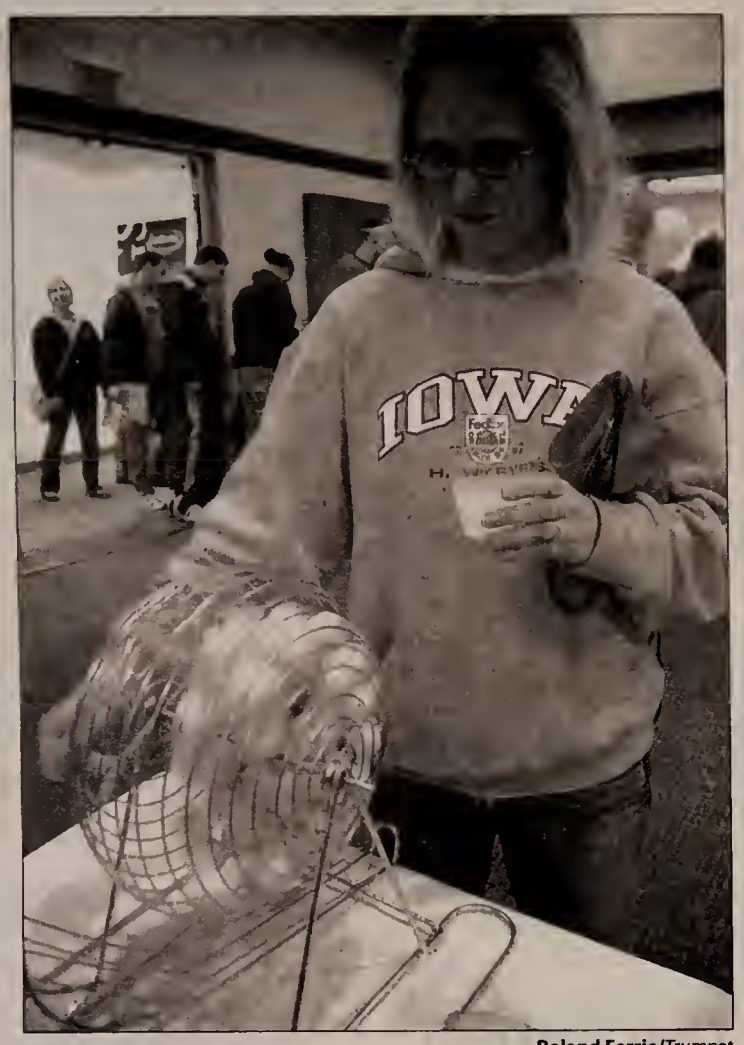

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Erin Sponheim plays Bingo during the Grad Finale Wednesday. Students could play games like Plinko and Bingo as they moved from table to table.

Former head of press corps speaks today

SCOTT POST *STAFF WRITER*

Journalist Helen Thomas spoke at a convocation today in Neumann Auditorium.

Penni Pier, professor of communication arts, described the convocation as a wonderful opportunity for Wartburg students. "[Thomas] speaks for herself. She's a legend," Pier said.

Thomas is a veteran, respected journalist and has covered every president since John F. Kennedy. As a member of the White House press corps, Thomas was the White House bureau chief for United Press International, one of the three largest news agencies in the world.

After holding that position for 57 years, Thomas resigned and currently writes a syndicated column for Hearst Newspapers. Thomas' knowledge of presidential politics will help Wartburg students understand presidential politics, especially as 2008 presidential candidates vie for an early lead.

Thomas also is a major figure in women's advancement in journalism, earning the name "First Lady of the Press" for her efforts in blazing a new trail into a male-dominated profession.

Her convocation is appropriately timed to fall in Women's History Month, and she commonly speaks on the topic, "Breaking into the Boy's Club: Women in Journalism."

The convocation was followed by a luncheon with Thomas, which students were invited to attend.

A panel of alumni also will convene tonight. Students are encouraged to discuss current issues in the media like the role of the media in politics.

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Prior efforts to regain vote failed

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cause any trouble this time around.

FRC unanimously killed the effort to reinstate the student vote last spring, but that submitted as a resolution from Student Senate rather than as a proposed amendment to the Faculty Handbook.

If FRC forwards the proposed amendment to Faculty Council, it will be placed on the agenda for the April 5 meeting where it would come to a vote.

If the amendment fails to make it on to the meeting's agenda, the next faculty meeting will take place before students arrive on campus in the fall. Without a student presence pushing for the reinstatement of the vote, it will likely fail if voted on at that meeting.

Since the vote was removed in 2004-2005, there has been much disagreement over a possible vote reinstatement.

Many faculty members have remained unconvinced the removal of the vote needs to be reversed. They claim nothing has significantly changed since the original decision was made that would necessitate overturning it now.

Despite the controversy, Schutte said it is not a war between students and faculty.

"Faculty do value students," Schutte said. "They do value what type of learning we have."

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Waves of Love dinner postponed until May

Low response from students attributed to lack of urgency

PAM RODGERS *STAFF WRITER*

The Waves of Love committee cancelled the dinner scheduled last Friday because of a lack of response by students, faculty and community members.

The chair of the committee, Emily Harkins, said dinner preparations were ready, but attendance was lacking.

"We had all of the donations for the silent auction, we had our speaker, Ellen Fisher ready to come. However, the response was not what it should have been," Harkins said.

The committee for the event was hoping to get 50 people to commit to the dinner, but only 20 showed interest.

The committee hopes to reschedule the event in May. They still have the silent auction items that they will use at the new date.

The silent auction items were all donated from students on campus. These items included original pieces of artwork, framed photographs and gift certificates from Waverly businesses.

The money from the fundraising would go to the ONE Campaign, which is the organization that Waves of Love is advocating for this year.

The ONE Campaign works with the Bread for the World organization. Together the two organizations fight hunger by providing funds to educate people about worldwide hunger and how the problem can be fought.

The Senate-based Waves of Love committee began when the Indian Ocean tsunami hit in 2004. It was intended to be a one-time committee, but when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005, the committee was reformed.

Waves of Love pulled their committee together again this year to lend a hand to another needy cause: hunger. However, the response to this year's campaign has not been the same.

"We can't make people care. Without a disaster behind our cause, there isn't the urgency that there was in previous years," Harkins said.

Harkins says that the decision to cancel wasn't an easy one because members are passionate about the group's causes.

If a larger audience doesn't show interest in May, Senate will cancel Waves of Love.

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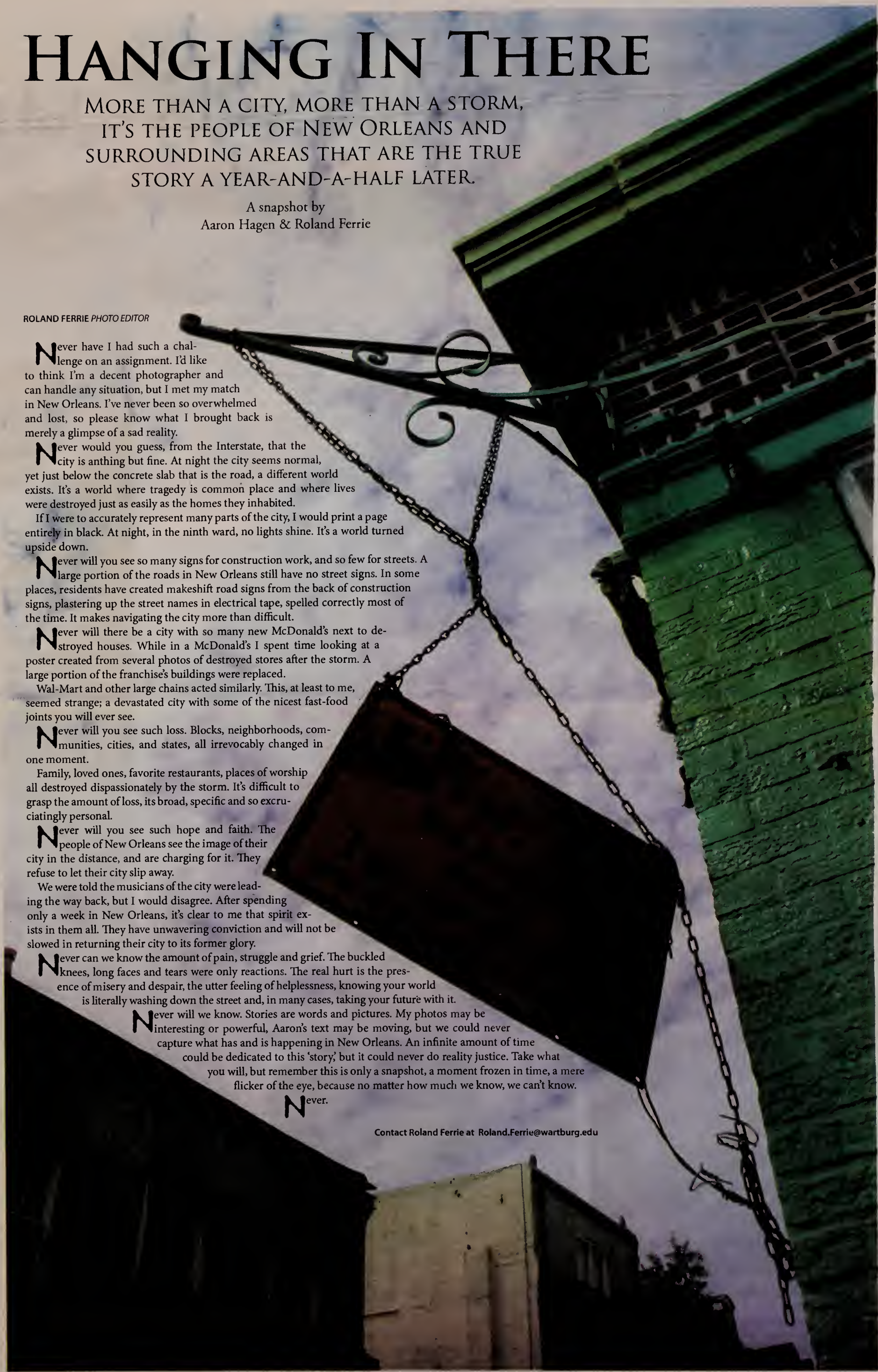
Hanging In There

More than a city, more than a storm, it's the people of New Orleans and surrounding areas that are the true story a year-and-a-half later.

A snapshot by
Aaron Hagen & Roland Ferrie



ROLAND FERRIE *PHOTO EDITOR*

Never have I had such a challenge on an assignment. I'd like to think I'm a decent photographer and can handle any situation, but I met my match in New Orleans. I've never been so overwhelmed and lost, so please know what I brought back is merely a glimpse of a sad reality.

Never would you guess, from the Interstate, that the city is anthing but fine. At night the city seems normal, yet just below the concrete slab that is the road, a different world exists. It's a world where tragedy is common place and where lives were destroyed just as easily as the homes they inhabited.

If I were to accurately represent many parts of the city, I would print a page entirely in black. At night, in the ninth ward, no lights shine. It's a world turned upside down.

Never will you see so many signs for construction work, and so few for streets. A large portion of the roads in New Orleans still have no street signs. In some places, residents have created makeshift road signs from the back of construction signs, plastering up the street names in electrical tape, spelled correctly most of the time. It makes navigating the city more than difficult.

Never will there be a city with so many new McDonald's next to destroyed houses. While in a McDonald's I spent time looking at a poster created from several photos of destroyed stores after the storm. A large portion of the franchise's buildings were replaced.

Wal-Mart and other large chains acted similarly. This, at least to me, seemed strange; a devastated city with some of the nicest fast-food joints you will ever see.

Never will you see such loss. Blocks, neighborhoods, communities, cities, and states, all irrevocably changed in one moment.

Family, loved ones, favorite restaurants, places of worship all destroyed dispassionately by the storm. It's difficult to grasp the amount of loss, its broad, specific and so excruciatingly personal.

Never will you see such hope and faith. The people of New Orleans see the image of their city in the distance, and are charging for it. They refuse to let their city slip away.

We were told the musicians of the city were leading the way back, but I would disagree. After spending only a week in New Orleans, it's clear to me that spirit exists in them all. They have unwavering conviction and will not be slowed in returning their city to its former glory.

Never can we know the amount of pain, struggle and grief. The buckled knees, long faces and tears were only reactions. The real hurt is the presence of misery and despair, the utter feeling of helplessness, knowing your world is literally washing down the street and, in many cases, taking your future with it.

Never will we know. Stories are words and pictures. My photos may be interesting or powerful, Aaron's text may be moving, but we could never capture what has and is happening in New Orleans. An infinite amount of time could be dedicated to this 'story,' but it could never do reality justice. Take what you will, but remember this is only a snapshot, a moment frozen in time, a mere flicker of the eye, because no matter how much we know, we can't know.

Never.

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AARON HAGEN *ASSOCIATE EDITOR*

Drive down a street decimated by Hurricane Katrina in Chalmette, and there sits 2716. Two vans and hoards of people scurry around in blue suits. They look like busy ants on the modest lot.

It has been a long journey for the Wartburg group, but they are finally where they want to be. This group doesn't want to be sitting on a tropical beach. They don't even want to be sitting on a couch somewhere. They want to be inside this rotting house. They want to be helping.

Even 18 months after this house was all but submerged by Katrina's unstoppable waters, 2716 had yet to be touched. This crew's task was to gut the house by removing all the couple's furniture, possessions and memories.

It may have taken 20 hours to drive to Louisiana, a split of the group and a reassignment from another house, but this Wartburg group was ready to make a contribution. Tuesday was devoted to clearing two feet of weeds and dead trees in what used to be a flourishing, living yard. By Wednesday, the team was ready to suit up and attack the house.

Dressed in full suits, yellow boots, goggles and respirators, the Wartburg crew began to remove possessions from the house. While the blue suits are not the latest fashion statement, they do serve as a tool to unite the group.

"It is odd, because it showed that we were a whole group," Seth Drury said. "It's kind of funny to think of it that way, but it really kind of showed as like we are — a team. It was a good way of putting on a jersey."

Clothes that the former occupants had anticipated wearing the next day still hung in the closet. The owner's baseball collection lies in a pile with the other salvageable belongings.

"When we got in there, you could tell they really had no idea that the storm was coming because they left everything," Drury said. "It was obvious because there were still clothes hanging on the door when we got in there."

Even though this group is helping to restore this one house, Ryan DeSanti realizes the scale of the disaster.

"There are thousands of other houses just like this," DeSanti said. "The scale of the disaster is surreal."

The entire street where 2716 sits is devastated. Fixing the house is hard work, but it reminds the Wartburg group there's more to work than bumps and bruises. It reminds them that they are a team. The team is making a difference.

"You have to come down and do your work, and your memories will be built up through having fun," DeSanti said.

As the week wound down, the house was stripped to the cement floor and studs. This group now understands disaster.

Lisa Nowels said she will take away "a greater appreciation for my house and thinking about what it would be like if it were my house that people would be going through."

Kayla Becker, one of the leaders of the group, also agrees that this was a rewarding trip for many reasons.

"I'll take away a lot of memories with this whole experience," Becker said. "But I'll also take away a better understanding that the whole purpose of life isn't the material possessions that you gain, because they can be taken away so easily and so quickly, and you have no control over it. What happened to these individuals could happen to any of us."

A year and a half after the hurricane, the members of the New Orleans group know there is still a lot of work that can be done.

"What really makes me sad is to think that it's 18 months later and fewer and fewer people are coming down," Becker said. "There is still a good number of people that are coming down here, but it's not in the news as much anymore, so people aren't thinking about it as much."

It was all smiles Friday as the group said goodbye to 2716 for the final time before trekking back to Wartburg. While the work was done for the week, the group is still eager to continue to make a difference.

"I think too, when we go back and tell our friends about our experiences it will make a bigger impact," Nowels said. "We cleaned out one house, but if we all go back and tell our friends and families about it, we are making that many more people aware of what's going on."

Drury said he would be willing to come back and knows there will always be work to do.

"Some of the houses haven't been touched, so it will probably be that way in a year too, so there will be places to help out," Drury said. "I would come back."

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Above: Travis Bockenstedt and Megan Clausen empty a trash can of debris. Right: Amanda Sedlacek muds the walls of the Bethlehem Children's center.

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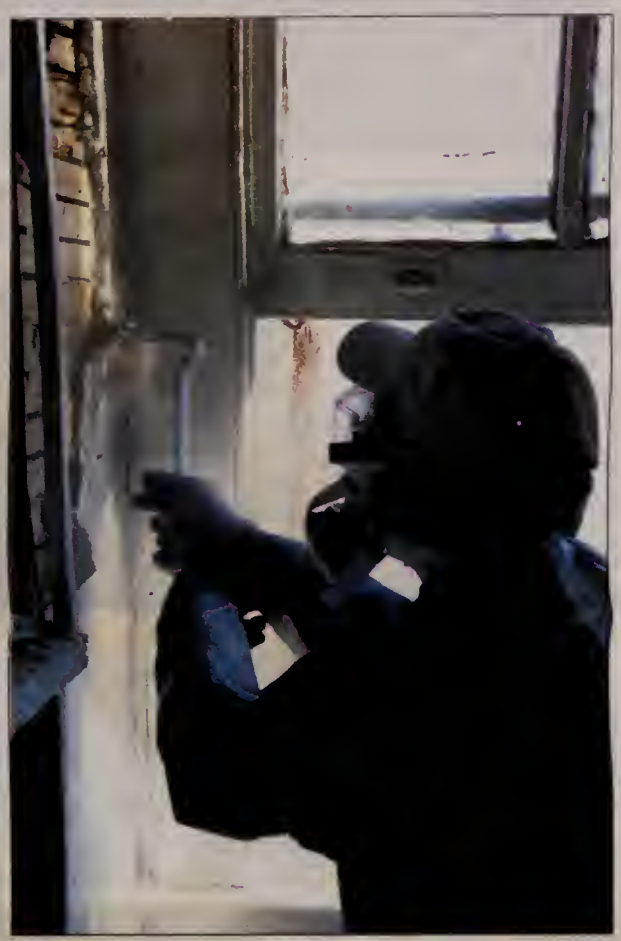

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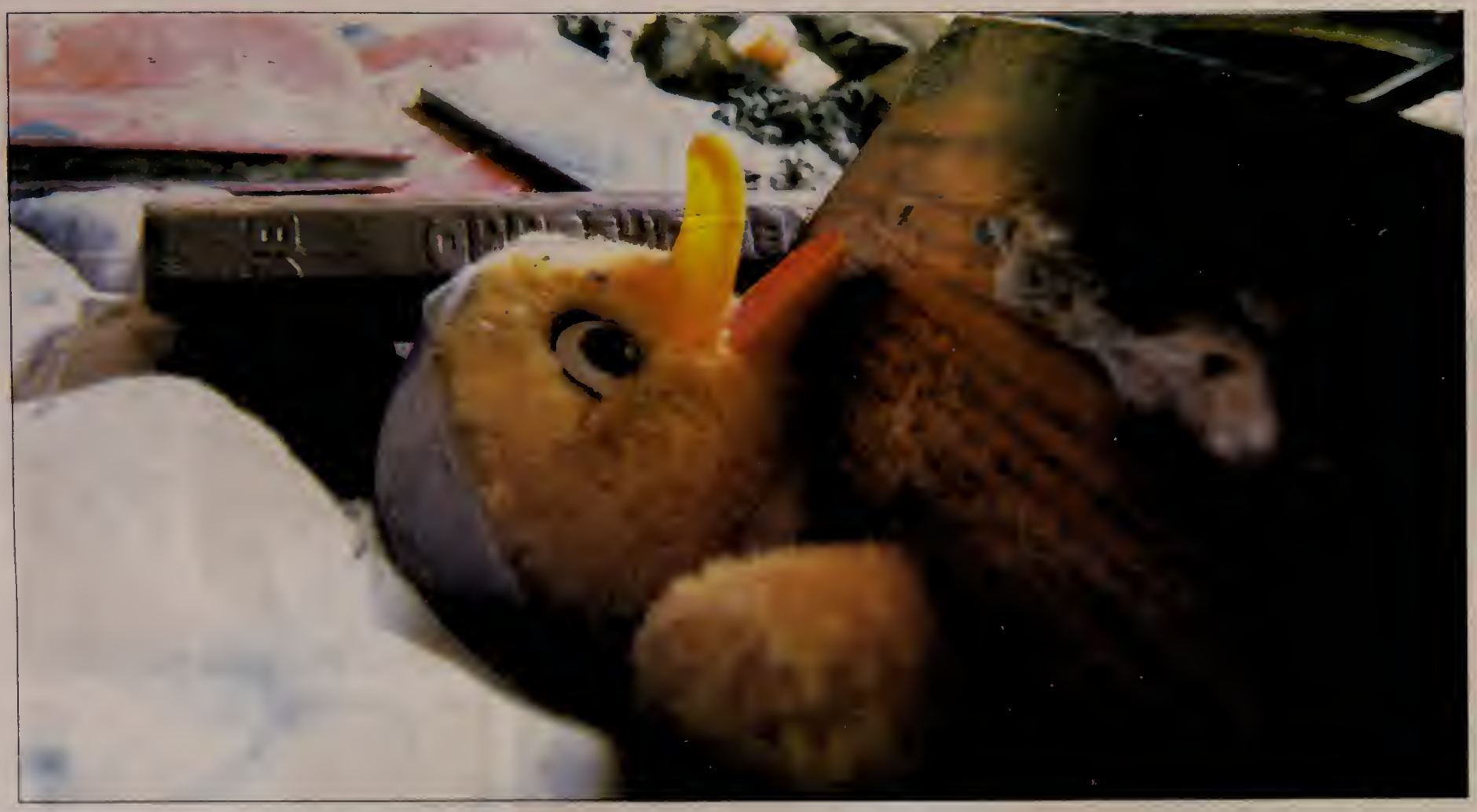
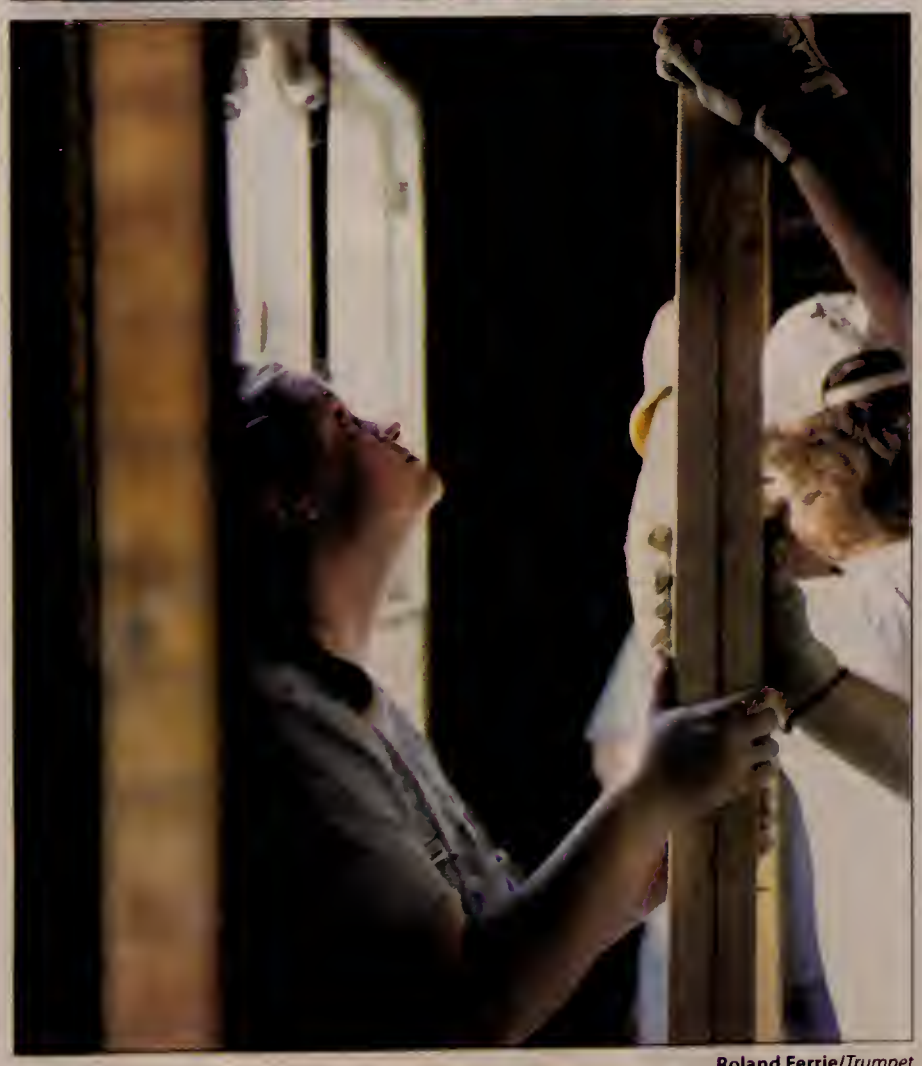
Top: Lisa Nowels empties out the cupboard of 2716. Middle: Kayla Becker uses a pry bar to strip the house down to the studs. Bottom: Matt Wahl hammers a nail into a new window for Tricia Farve's house. Left: Larisa Greve is in the ceiling in an attempt to remove a fan as Seth Drury helps from below.





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Middle: Allie Schwiebert embraces Tricia Farve after installing new windows. Bottom: Jessi Carver helps rebuild the inside of Farve's house.

New Orleans residents down, but not out

AARON HAGEN *ASSOCIATE EDITOR*

When Tricia Farve drove up in her purple Buick Rendezvous, she saw her house for the first time that day. Something phenomenal, something joyful had happened, as her face could not hold back the emotion.

"That's a miracle," Farve said. "It's a blessing."

Farve could not fight back the tears as she hugged the members of the New Orleans No. 2 service trip. "Thank you all so much," she said.

"That made the trip all worthwhile," Matt Wahl, leader of the group, said.

Just five new windows made the difference. The windows on the top floor of the two-story house were still broken and marked with X's. The house had been gutted before the crew arrived, but the gutting revealed years of termite damage.

That's when the Rev. Patrick Keen and Bethlehem Lutheran Church came in. Like Wartburg students, the church and its members help people rebuild their houses and their lives.

"I got the best group," Farve said, still fighting back the tears. "This has been such a blessing for me."

Wahl and Josiah Polito led a group of 19 others to New Orleans to help those like Farve.

"Some people think this is work," Wahl said. "We think this is fun."

Since the disaster, Keen and Bethlehem have housed over 2,000 people and sent these volunteers into the community to help those in need.

"They are doing a tremendous job," Keen said of the volunteers. "I need folks to understand that our government has failed us on each level. It's been the people of God from across the country coming down, spending their vacation with us gutting out houses and doing repairs that have made the difference."

Favre agrees that the volunteers are making the difference in New Orleans.

"What would we do without the volunteers and the people that are coming into New Orleans and know that we still need help?" Favre said. "The government is not going to help us. We need people to help us."

Wahl made his first trip to New Orleans last week. He said that he really enjoyed the work he was able to do.

"This is way more rewarding than I ever imagined it could be," Wahl said. "This is probably by far the best thing I've done when I'm at Wartburg."

The college is currently working on plans to return to New Orleans during Tour Week, and Wahl may lead the trip.

"I would come down here in a heartbeat again," he said. "It would not take much, just an OK from Wartburg."

Only a small group was able to work on Farve's house, with the other members of the New Orleans service trip working on various projects. One section was at Bethlehem working on beautification of the grounds. Others were working on a project similar to Farve's house, while still others were painting at a men's shelter.

Even with the separation, the group was still bonded.

"We're split up, but I've gotten to know a lot of people that I didn't know at all," Wahl said. "Everybody in the group is becoming friends. It's been amazing to see."

Winter break ended, and the Wartburg group left Bethlehem to return to classes. Keen is thankful for their time but calls for more help.

"Send money, send help," Keen said. "Not so much for Bethlehem, but to help the people of God in the process of recovering."

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Katrina damages homes, not spirits

AARON HAGEN *ASSOCIATE EDITOR*

As RJ and Betty Dubre sit in their government-provided trailer and look at their house, it hardly resembles what was. From their small patch of land and their tall flowering tree, the devastation of Hurricane Katrina still affects their lives, even in the midst of a picturesque setting sun.

A sign that reads "Coming back better and stronger" graces the front, fenced-in yard. Even though being better and stronger may seem impossible, RJ and Betty are determined. Evidence of Katrina's devastation is everywhere, even 18 months later.

"See that house in the distance?" RJ asked. "That used to be right next door."

In fact, when Katrina finally hit Irish Bayou, La., the few houses next to the small swampy area were nearly all destroyed.

On either side of the Dubre house in the small town outside of New Orleans, empty lots sit. To the left, only foundations remain. To the right, a house is still visible, but it's three quarters of a mile away. Katrina picked up and washed away the whole house and finally laid it to rest along the levee across the lake. An eerie set of stairs leads nowhere — the only proof that life once existed there.

RJ, a crab fisherman, and Betty, an avid bingo player, have come a long way since that fateful August day. Although they were able to escape the city before the storm, their lives were changed forever.

The indication of six feet of water greeted the Dubre's when they returned six months later. Fortunately, the two had relatives in other parts of the state who took them in as guests.

Now, the two await government money and manpower.

"I can do anything in there," RJ said, pointing to his house. "But with my two bad knees, I shouldn't do much."

He works on the trimming and the window sills, but it will still be some time before their house will be ready.

Even though swarms of volunteers have flooded the city, RJ and Betty are just out of reach. They found a contractor willing to help after the flooding.

"He told us that if we bought the supplies, all we'd have to pay was the man hours," RJ said.

They also found an electrician willing to restore power to their modest house. However, neither of the workers has returned.

The contractor left town and was never heard from again.

"We've heard that he was working in New Orleans again, but we haven't seen him," Betty said.

The electrician had two heart attacks, and failed to retain workers during the holidays. He was sued and wound up in jail before he was able to finish the Dubre's house. Another electrician is now attempting to move the Dubre's back to their home.

These two have lived in a trailer for almost a year; they've lost almost everything. But they never thought twice about returning.

"We've lived here for as long as we've been married," Betty said. "That's 50 years of memories."

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Roland Ferrie/*Trumpet*

Steps leading to nowhere sit next to the Dubre's lot in Irish Bayou, La.

Hope buries despair

AARON HAGEN *ASSOCIATE EDITOR*

You won't see tears anymore. You won't see the sad faces that were so prominent a year ago. Now, you see hope. Now you see the promise of a bright future.

One Louisiana resident said that New Orleans will be a boom town in the coming years. With the strength and resolve of the citizens, there is no doubt he will be proven right.

New Orleans still celebrates Mardi Gras. The French Quarter is still full of scurryng tourists, and the nightlife is as popular as ever.

A person can't walk around the city without thinking, though. You can't help but picture the images of people trapped on their roofs. You can't help but think of the lives lost and damage done.

As visitors and volunteers come and go, the people of New Orleans are still there, still fighting to regain the glory that was once their city. Some who left may never return, but each person who left took a little piece of New Orleans with them. The culture will never die; the music, the food, the good times will always be New Orleans.

But this work can't be done alone. The people of New Orleans can't rebuild and recreate the city. It takes others too. People like the Wartburg students who selflessly gave up their spring break for the greater good.

It takes people to donate money; it takes people to pray; and it takes people to remember New Orleans.

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Above: A child's book lies in a pile of rubble in a parking lot. Right: A house in New Orleans that has been gutted to its studs and cement floor.

Benson and Swanson to promote leadership and voice

Handicap accessibility, campus improvement are among priorities

MATT POPOWSKI *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Roland Ferrie/*Trumpet*

Andy Swanson and Eric Benson discuss campus and Student Senate issues they plan to address when they take over as part of the Senate executive team this May.

Eric Benson and Andy Swanson were whistling the Rocky theme song on election night more than three weeks ago.

But as they prepare to take over as the new Student Senate executive team in May, they are whistling a different tune.

The duo believes it's one that will resonate well with students, faculty and administration alike.

As student body president and vice president candidates, the two advocated various issues during their campaigns, Eric Benson and Andy Swanson pressed students to "look beyond the superficial issues."

"We really did care about students and issues, and they saw that in us," Andy said of their successful campaign.

Benson's primary goal is to strengthen the Student Senate so he leaves it better off. To make this happen, he plans to "bring a culture that encourages leadership."

Swanson aims for a "louder voice of Student Senate."

The duo feels they will be successful because they "work really well with students, administration and faculty," Swanson said.

Benson and Swanson identified the need to raise awareness of Senate's activities and improve communication. "It (Student Senate) actually impacts people more than they realize," Swanson said.

Improving handicap accessibility is a crucial issue. Anyone on crutches or in a wheel chair who tries to navigate campus, even through the skywalk, knows the difficulties it presents. Benson said he doesn't want accessibility to prevent anyone from enjoying Wartburg's campus.

Although advancements have been made in recent years, Benson and Swanson plan to encourage the administration to accelerate accessibility upgrades.

They said the money has already been delegated for improvements, but the plan to replace several doors with handicap accessible ones was not executed. The two expect to have several accessibility locations revamped before fall semester next year.

'...bring a culture that encourages leadership.'

Benson and Swanson also plan to have a campus improvement program in place by fall. Students will be able to submit proposals, which will be reviewed by a Senate committee. If suggestions are approved, they will be implemented.

Benson and Swanson say the campus improvement program will allow "students to take ownership of Senate" and give input on issues that affect their lives.

If the current Student Senate executive team's efforts to reinstate the four student votes on the EPC and GEC curriculum committees in April fail, Benson and Swanson will continue to push the measure.

Interestingly, Benson serves as president of the Wartburg Democrats, and Swanson is former president of the Wartburg Republicans. So how did these two political opposites get paired together?

Last December, they were sitting around debating when the two "realized we had a huge passion for it," Benson said of Senate issues. The importance of campus issues outweighed their own political issues.

Benson said the fact that their last names rhyme was an indication they'd make a good ticket. He jokingly added that their good looks played a role in their success, but Swanson said that it more likely lost them votes.

Early in Benson and Swanson's campaign, they both discovered a common interest in Rocky movies. Since then, they've watched the first four and recently saw Rocky Balboa in theatre.

As the duo takes presidential leadership in May, members of the Wartburg community may find their "hearts on fire" as Senate's and students' voices are "getting stronger."

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Side by side: Eric Benson and Andy Swanson

Eric Benson

Year: Junior
Major(s): Political science
Minor: Leadership
Hometown: New Hampton
Senate involvement: Two years
Extracurricular: Wartburg choir
Political view: Democrat
Community Involvment: Worked with Harkin in the Iowa Democrats
Interests: Old movies, camping, videogames
Dream job: To work with politics in Washington, D.C.

Andy Swanson

Year: Academic senior
Major(s): Political science, history
Minor: International relations
Hometown: West Des Moines
Senate involvement: One year
Extracurricular: Wrestled two years
Political view: Republican
Community Involvment: SPC in the Army Reserves
Interests: Running and working out
Dream job: Chairman of Boys and Girls Club of America or juvenile public defense attorney

Dining review: Pablo's Mexican Grill brings diversity

★★★½☆

MATT POPOWSKI *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Pablo's Mexican Grill brings diversity to Waverly's dining scene, which hasn't changed much in recent years.

The restaurant opened Feb. 9 in the Plaza on Fourth along business Hwy 218. It has attracted the tastes of Waverly residents and Wartburg students alike.

Pablo's deep, tall and spacious dining area with wooden seating falls short of being cozy, but its simple and accommodating menu is appealing. The employees are still somewhat new to the ropes, so you may need to be patient.

If you're famished, try a gut-busting burrito stuffed with cilantro-lime rice, black beans, cheese and either grilled steak or a seasoned mix of vegetables. It's plenty for two.

Pair either the steak or seasoned chicken with tacos or quesadillas on corn or flour shells. Combine with any of a variety of fresh salsas prepared in-house. The smoky chipotle is agreeably flavorful and spicy, while the sweet "great grape apple escape" compliments the chicken well.

Ask about the specialty salsas, which change every two weeks. The extras should be complimentary, but consider the additional dollar for a heap of fresh, complex guacamole.

For beverages, you can't go wrong with Calypso juice, but domestic and imported beers are also available. Try a Mexican beer such as Negro Modelo or Dos Equis to polish off your meal.

Future improvements include an outdoor patio with tiki torches and a band stage for live performances. A Tequila bar with imported liquor will be added near the front entrance. Expect a drive-thru option in a few months.

If you're expecting the quality of Chipotle, you might be disappointed, as Pablo's leans toward quantity and value. Yet it follows through on its promise of fresh, fast, flavorful and friendly food.

Pablo's ranks 3.5 stars out of 5, based on food quality, value, service, presentation and atmosphere.

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Golf starts spring in Arizona

LUKE SHANNO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg men's golf team started their spring golf campaign with an early trip to Arizona during Winter Break.

The Knights played a match against Phoenix College during the trip in which they shot a 289 team score.

Seniors Andrew Miller and Blake Halvorson led the Knights with a 68 and 71 respectively as the Knights topped their opponent by 29 strokes in the match. Head Coach Ted Reuter was pleased with his team's performance in Arizona.

"It was an indication that their games are really coming around," Reuter said.

The team traditionally takes a trip to get back in touch with their golf games before the conference spring season opens, and this season the trip is more crucial for the team as they haven't had access to indoor practice facilities like in previous years.

The team has traveled to A&C Sports in Waterloo where they can hit balls inside the facility for a few practice sessions.

"It isn't ideal," Reuter said. "It is at least a good way to get our guys swinging."

The team opens their conference season at the Loras Invitational Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1 in Dubuque.

The team has high hopes for this season coming off the 2006 IIAC men's golf championship. This year, a conference title would be even sweeter for the Knights as it would grant them an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

According to Reuter, Central, Luther and Wartburg are early favorites for the conference title this year. "It is just going to depend on who is on top of their games. If our guys play up to their potential we will be right up there."

Overall, Reuter was happy with the trip and is looking forward to the rest of the spring season.

"This is a great group of guys and I really anticipate a fine spring. Everybody is fired up and ready to go after our experience in Phoenix," Reuter said.

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Baseball ends trip at .500

Knights enjoy tough challenge early in the season

MAC SLAVIN *STAFF WRITER*

After classes were done on Friday March 2, the Wartburg men's baseball team loaded a bus and traveled to Arizona for a series of games during Winter Break.

The Knights started the week off with two wins the first day. On the third day the Knights split a two game set against No. 12 Aurora University. The final day of the trip the Knights played No. 3-ranked Montclair State. The Knights stayed close but fell to the Red Hawks by one run. They finished their trip with a 4-4 record.

Ryan Grant finished the trip with eight RBIs while teammates Ryan Johnson, Mike Johnson and A.J. Lewis each finished with seven. Mike Johnson finished the week batting .667, while Jake Shandri finished batting a strong .607. Overall, the team averaged .330 at the plate for the week.

"The schedule has tested us and it's been a plus to have tough early scheduling," Head Coach Joel Holst said. "Our pitching depth is going to need to continue to develop consistency overall."

Consistency on the mound will be crucial as the IIAC has changed scheduling for this year.

The Knights, along with the other schools in the conference will be playing three games a weekend, one nine inning game will be played Friday afternoon and two shorter seven inning games will be played Saturday.

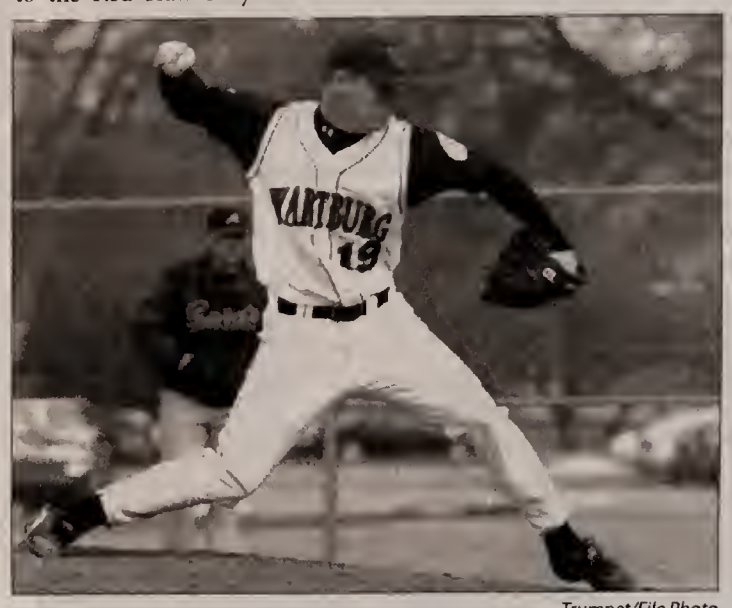
"This will truly identify pitching depth on each team," Holst said. "The NCAA was pushing towards more in region games. This is more of a Div. I concept (the three game series) rather than Div. III."

After their trip the Knights played two games in St. Louis, where they battled Webster University. The Knights won both match-ups in the double header, 11-4 and 4-3.

As the Knights look towards the regular season they are excited about the opportunity of an 11th consecutive IIAC Championship.

"We are hoping the weather will hold up so we can open up against the University of Dubuque at home," Holst said.

The Knights will host the University of Dubuque Friday and Saturday, March 23-24.



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Junior Aaron Saeugling pitches during a spring game last season.

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Awards are bountiful for team

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T.J. wasn't the only one receiving awards, as his father received the Amateur Wrestling News Man of the Year award. Coach Miller did not realize that he had won the award.

"I was clueless," Miller said, "That is an awesome award."

With one year of eligibility left, T.J has made his intentions clear that he will be wrestling for the Knights next season to win another national title.

"Next year will be the same hopefully, I have another year and want to win another title," Miller said.

Even though the Knights finished second behind Augsburg for the national championship, things are looking good for next year according to the eldest Miller.

"We're going to have a lot more veterans back next year," Coach Miller said. "Each kid needs to improve."

T.J. knows he needs to keep working at it if he wants to repeat as national champion.

"Once next year starts, then everyone will forget about everything in the past and concentrate on the year. I'm not going to be satisfied until everything is all over with," Miller said. "If I get too satisfied now then I could take a step back next year and I don't want that to happen. I guess you have to stay hungry and greedy."

Sophomore Zach McKray (141 lbs.), of Iowa City and senior Brian Borchers (Hwt.) of Holstein, were both honored by the National Wrestling Coaches Association by being named to the Scholar All-American list.

The Knights ranked No. 13 in the NWCA Division III scholar list, having a GPA of 3.266.

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Tennis team relies on youth this season

LUKE SHANNO *ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR*

After having a delayed start to their season, the Wartburg men's tennis team opened their spring campaign with five matches in seven days winning two of the matches and now tally a 3-4 overall record.

With no upperclassmen, the tennis team is relying on a small group of sophomores and a strong group of freshmen this spring.

Freshmen Mitch Eslick, playing the No. 1 spot, Tom Koenen, No. 3 and Abhi Nadipuran, No. 5, have combined for an 12-9 record in individual matches.

The No. 1 doubles duo of Eslick and Koenen has gone 3-4 on the year in their seven matches.

The team opened the season the first weekend of March with a split in conference action. A loss to Central 8-1 and a 7-2 victory over Simpson at a triangular meet in Pella left the team 1-1 to start the year.

During Winter Break the team had three matches in three days. The Knights fell to St. Norbert (Wis.) 9-0. Wartburg topped the Milwaukee School of Engineering (Wis.) by a score of 6-3 and wrapped up the week with an 8-1 loss to Monmouth College (Ill.).

Saturday the Knights traveled to Crawfordville, Ind. to take on Manchester College and host Wabash College.

The Knights swept Manchester 9-0 and fell to the host Little Giants 7-2 in the triangular.

Top individual performers for the Knights on the weekend included sophomore Tylor Schlader and Koenen as they each won both of their individual matches.

The Knights will host Loras and Simpson Saturday in an Iowa Conference triangular. Wartburg will host the Duhawks at 9:00 a.m. and the Storm at 3:00 p.m. at the tennis courts.

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Sports Briefs

Newsom earns Coach of the Year honor

Marcus Newsom was named USTFCCCA Div. III women's indoor track and field Coach of the Year on March 8. This is the third time Newsom has been named National Coach of the Year for indoor and outdoor track and field.

Balster receives post-grad scholarship

Senior cross country runner Kevin Balster earned an NCAA fall postgraduate scholarship. Balster was one of 58 student-athletes in all divisions to recieve scholarships. Balster was a member of the national placing Wartburg cross country team this fall.

Hartwig named IIAC Athlete of the Week

Angela Hartwig, a sophomore pitcher for the No. 19 nationally ranked Knights softball team recieved the honor for the week of March 11. Hartwig had 42 strikeouts and was undefeated in five games with an ERA of 0.28. Teammate Ashley Rogers was named IIAC Softball Athlete of the Week for March 4.

W-SR wins basketball state championship

The Waverly-Shell Rock boys basketball team defeated Bishop Heelan 74-51 in the 3A state finals in Des Moines on March 17. The Go-Hawks outscored their opponents by an average of 20 points during the tournament.

Porter earns top Central Region honor

Heidi Porter was named NCAA Div. III Central Region indoor Track Athlete of the Year on March 8. Porter ran 2:12.05 in the 800-meter run at the IIAC Championships to break Missy Buttry's school record and the Iowa Conference record. Porter finished third at the NCAA Div. III National Championship in the 800.

Shandri earns hitter of the week honor

Jake Shandri, a senior first baseman, was named NCAA Div. III National Hitter of the Week March 4. Shandri hit .643 (9-for-14) for the week with six doubles, seven RBIs, five runs and a 1.071 slugging percentage. Shandri was also named Iowa Conference Athlete of the week for the week of Feb. 26 through March 4.

New semi-pro football team comes to Iowa

The Manson Eagles are a new semi-professional team and are members of the Mid-America Football League. The home games will be played in Manson, IA, which is 20 miles west of Ft. Dodge. The Eagles start practice in May with their first game in June.

Softball team off to hot start after trip

Knights rely on strength of returning players despite having only one senior

ABBY SHOWALTER *SPORTS EDITOR*

The 80-degree weather and dry conditions of Tucson, Ariz. proved to be no challenge for the Wartburg softball team as they started off the 2007 season with 10 victories and only one loss.

The all-business trip included 11 varsity and three JV games March 4-10. The team even spent their only off day attending a spring training game in the area.

Wartburg's only loss on the trip was a 4-3 defeat suffered at the hands of Morningside College in the third game of the season.

The Knights earned enough runs in over half of their games on the trip to end games early according to the eight-run mercy rule after five innings.

Head Coach Kara Kehe looked at the experience as way to get outside of the Midwest for early season play.

"The week provided an early gauge of our strengths and helped us identify some areas in which we want to improve during the next couple of weeks," Kehe said.

Since returning, the team took to the road Saturday to play a doubleheaer against William Penn University and won both games.

In game one, William Penn took a 2-1 lead in the fifth inning. The Knights responded with home runs by senior Stephanie Howe and first baseman Ashley Rogers to rally for the 3-2 victory.

No. 19-ranked Wartburg's bats were in full swing for game two as the Knights posted 17 hits and 18 runs. The Lady Statesmen had 12 hits, but only scored 8 times during the game.

Courtesy Photo

Freshman Robin Peterson throws a pitch during the softball winter trip in Arizona. The Knights finished the trip with a 10-1 record.

Wartburg was led in game two by junior Ashley Steines with four hits and designated hitter Ashlie Imming who blasted two home-runs.

Kehe was impressed with the leadership skills the Knight's lone senior demonstrated during Wartburg's sweep of William Penn.

"We're fortunate to have Stephanie returning to anchor our infield at second base," Kehe said. "She's really developed as a leader and her confidence and composure were evident as we rallied to win the first game."

On defense, the Knights are led by returning pitcher Angela Hartwig, currently 7-0 on the season and newcomer Robin Petersen.

Rogers is a top offensive threat for Wartburg and has already racked up 19 RBI's and 2 home-runs. Steines is currently batting .520 on the season and has 26 hits so far.

The Knights take to the road over the weekend for doubleheader appearances in Missouri against William Jewell on Saturday and the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Sunday. The first pitch for both games is scheduled for 12 p.m.

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Softball coach reaches 200

ABBY SHOWALTER *SPORTS EDITOR*

It's been 10 years since Kara Kehe turned in her softball glove for a whistle and clipboard, but her dedication to the game hasn't changed.

Kehe earned her 200th career victory as a head coach during the Wartburg softball team's Winter Break trip to Arizona. The milestone was reached just a few games into Kehe's fourth season at the helm for the Wartburg softball team.

Kara Kehe

During her four seasons, Kehe has compiled a 115-24 overall record at Wartburg and stands at 205-126 for her career.

These statistics are just numbers to Kehe, who credits the people involved in each victory as the reason for her accomplishment.

"I'm a believer that coaching milestones are the result of the dedicated efforts of all the student-athletes and assistant coaches, as well as the faculty, staff, and administrators who have offered their support to the program," Kehe said.

Kehe is a 1997 graduate of Wartburg and earned her Masters in sport and leisure management at the University of Iowa in 1999. Before returning to Waverly in 2004, Kehe coached at Tri-State University in Angola, Ind. for four seasons.

Over 30 school records were broken during Kehe's tenure at Tri-State and the 2003 squad secured a place in the postseason tournament for the first time in the school's history.

Success followed Kehe to Wartburg as she has led the softball team to three straight 30-plus-win seasons and already has 12 victories under her belt for the 2007 season.

As the defending 2006 Iowa Conference champions, Kehe hopes to lead the team to another title and already has a head start on her way to another coaching milestone.

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Track transitions from indoor to outdoor

Courtesy Photo

Bridget Burns, left, and Hannah Baker, middle, run in the 400.

Wartburg track team crowns nine All-Americans in four events

ADAM HARRINGA
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's track and field team competed at the NCAA Div. III Indoor Championships on March 8 and 9. Wartburg qualified in nine events and came away with five All-Americans. The women finished tied for 14th.

For the Wartburg men, the sole event competing was the distance medley relay team. After UW-Stevens Point runners (who were eventually disqualified) tripped up Derek Peth on the 400-meter leg and Scott Tjeerdsma on the 800 leg, Patrick Johnson received the baton in fifth place.

Competing for fourth place, the Knights needed a strong 1600 anchor leg from Johnson. UW-Oshkosh took the national championship while Johnson out-kicked everyone but Ben Grant of Loras down the stretch to finish sixth overall.

"Every one of us ran competitively and did what we had to do," Johnson said.

For the women, Heidi Porter led the way. She finished third in the 800 (2:12.76). Porter started in second place, sticking with Marcia Taddy of UW-Platteville but could not keep pace with the eventual champion

In the 4x400 relay, Wartburg went in with the second best time overall, but finished sixth (3:53.06), running their fastest time of the season.

In the 400, Wartburg had two All-Americans in Hannah Baker (58.08) and Bridget Burns (58.15) who finished seventh and eighth, respectively.

Also competing were Lucy Joseph in the 55-hurdles, the women's distance medley team (Jennifer Kuiken, Rachel Brinks, Porter and Amanda Kuiken) and Jessica Bates in the shot put and weight throw.

The Knights will start their outdoor season on Saturday with their first home meet of the year, the Wartburg Open.

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Women look to repeat national title; men look for highest finish

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The women's outdoor track and field team has been to the top. In 2005, the women won the NCAA Div. III National Championship. The women return seven athletes who competed in that meet as well as ten more who have had national experience since. For Head Coach Marcus Newsom, this means another trophy is not out of reach.

"We definitely have the potential to get a trophy at nationals again," Newsom said. "We just need to take it one step at a time."

Newsom says it starts with the 400-meter runners; they have more talent then ever before. All-Americans Bridget Burns, Rachel Brinks, Steph Arey and Amy Koester lead an experienced group of quarter-milers, while freshmen Hannah Baker, Chelsey Jacobs and Jenny Kordick were on an automatic national qualifying 4x400 team with Burns during indoors.

"We always had talent at the 400, but this year we have more than ever," Newsom said.

In the 800, Wartburg also has the most talented group in history. Heidi Porter is a two-time All-American in the event and Newsom says Nicole Calabrese and Jennifer and Amanda Kuiken could also contribute points at the national level.

In the throwing events, the Knights are led by Jessica Bates. Bates has qualified in the hammer throw for the past two years, as well as the weight throw all three years of indoor track.

The Knights also return all four members of their All-American 4x100 team of Akeya Aimable, Kelsea Cannon, Lucy Joseph and Kelsey Steffens. Joseph also has experience in the 100 hurdles.

"Lucy has unfinished business," Newsom said. "She is in position to become a national champion."

The Wartburg men are not returning as many All-Americans as the women, but have the potential to qualify in a variety of events. For Newsom, he believes it is the most talented team across the board in Wartburg history.

"If you look at the depth we have at all the events and how far we've come in the throws and field events, we have the potential for great things," Newsom said.

Leading the way for Wartburg are two decathletes. Kyle Peters qualified last year and Karl Vogel was on the provisional list. Newsom says both have the potential to be All-Americans.

Wartburg has experience in the 400 as well. The Knights return three members of their All-American 4x400-meter relay team from last year.

The Knights also have depth in the short sprints they have not had before. Freshman Warren Batiste just missed qualifying for indoor nationals in the 55 and will focus on the 100 outdoors. Newsom believes freshmen Alex Boer and Marquis Stevens will be right with Batiste.

The Knights also return a lot of depth in the distance events. Tim McKenna was an All-American in the steeplechase last year, and Kevin Balster, Andy Hodge and two-time All-American Patrick Johnson have made the provisional list in various events.

"We have a large distance crew that can qualify," Newsom said. "They have to all focus on getting it done together."

Newsom says that if they put everything together, they should finish in the top 10 at nationals.

"Once you're in the top 10, anything else is possible," Newsom said. "My goal has always been to come away with a men's and women's trophy."

The Knights will start their outdoor campaign with their first of three home meets, the Wartburg Open, Saturday.

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NCAA INDOOR ALL-AMERICANS

400m	Hannah Baker	48.08
400m	Bridget Burns	48.15
800m	Heidi Porter	2:12.76
4x400m	Hannah Baker, Chelsey Jacobs, Kelsey Steffens, Bridget Burns	3:53.03
Distance Medley Relay	Andy Hodge, Derek Peth, Scott Tjeerdsma, Patrick Johnson	10:06.66

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Castle Crazies on the way

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by that name hoping to build up a dedicated student section for next year.

The "Orange Crush" name has already been used so many different places and the Illinois student section is the "Orange Krush." The "Castle Crazies" name would pay homage to not only the best student section in the nation, but also the very beginnings of the Wartburg name.

We'll have a brand-new arena on campus to fill next year, which makes this the perfect time to reload our student cheering section.

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Ping helps team play

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The men's team was staying with 1985 Wartburg alum Mark Everist who now resides in the Phoenix area.

Everist heard about the situation that the women were going through and contacted a friend with connections at Ping Golf, based in Phoenix.

By 9:00 the next morning the team was at the Ping headquarters getting fitted for new sets of clubs. The team was able to pick up their new clubs that afternoon.

"We weren't sure what we were going to do," Severson said. "If we were unable to get clubs we probably would have had to look into coming back."

The golfers who received the clubs are able to use them for the next few months and at the end of the season can either send them back to the company or can purchase them.

"We went into the tournament not expecting a lot with the circumstances but still wanting to win," Schiltz said. "We were taken care of so well by Ping that I don't think it had that much of an effect on our game."

Even with the unfortunate events, the team still feels that the trip was important to prepare for the spring season.

"Regardless it was still a great experience," Schiltz said.

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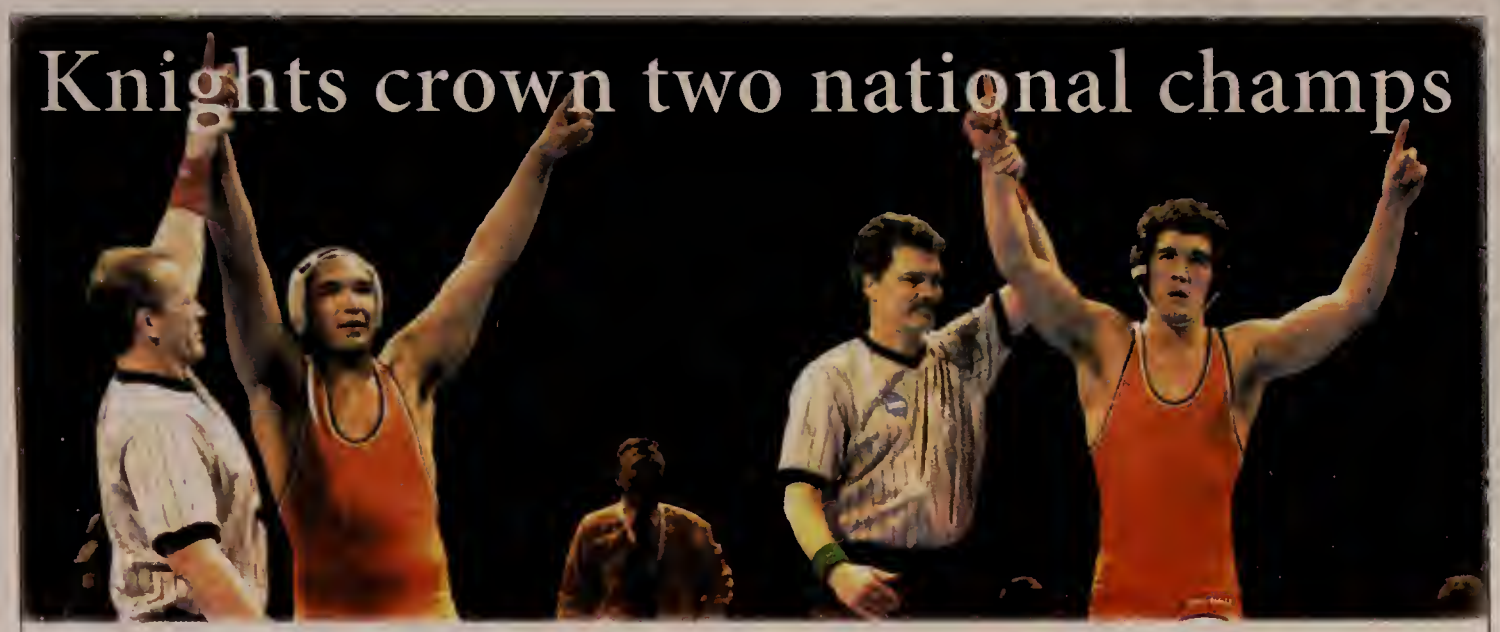
Knights crown two national champs



Wrestlers take second to Augsburg in team race; Miller and Gillis champions

ANDREW NOSTVICK *STAFF WRITER*

With the silver trophy in hand at the Div. III National Wrestling Championships two and a half weeks ago, the Knights saw two wrestlers take home gold as individual champions.

T.J. Miller (197 lbs.) and Blake Gillis (Hwt.) won their first national titles. It was Gillis' fourth appearance in the title match, taking runner-up the past three years, and Miller's second attempt at a title. For Miller it was a moment he wouldn't forget.

"It feels like a dream come true," Miller said, "There is no better feeling that I have ever experienced."

The top seeded wrestler in his weight class and No. 1 in the nation, Miller won all four of his matches at the tournament to take home the hardware. Of the four victories, three came by major decision, with one technical fall. Miller defeated Buena Vista's Ben Strandberg in the final match.

"I couldn't believe it," Miller said, "I wouldn't have settled for anything less."

T.J.'s father, Head Coach Jim Miller, was happy to see his son win his first national title and looks forward to seeing him wrestle next season.

"I was thrilled. It was an awesome moment," the eldest Miller said.

T.J. raked in many accomplishments this year and appeared in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of last week's issue of Sports Illustrated.

He is the third Knight wrestler to appear in the section, joining former wrestler and three-time national champion Dustin Hinschberger and his father, Jim Miller.

"I think I started to laugh because I couldn't believe it," T.J. said, "It was then that I knew that winning nationals was a big accomplishment."

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Theft strikes women's golf team on trip

Equipment and personal belongings taken; experience still worthwhile

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The Wartburg women's golf team had equipment and personal belongings estimated at $17,000-18,000 stolen outside of a restaurant in Phoenix during their Winter Break golf trip.

The women's golf team was sitting inside the Black Angus restaurant Sunday, March 4 with the men's golf team eating dinner when the restaurant manager approached a group of the golfers and informed them that he believed that their van had been broken into.

"We didn't see anything wrong with our van at first. We thought maybe the man had mistaken it for another vehicle," Megan Cress said. "We then got closer to the van to see that the left side had been smashed in with large rocks."

The perpetrator was able to unlock the other doors in the van and grab five of seven sets of golf clubs from the back, at least one digital camera, cash and clothing.

Assistant Coach Monica Severson, who was traveling with the team had her bag stolen which included her digital camera, cell phone, car keys, papers concerning the team's upcoming tournament, directions and other items.

The college gas credit cards were also stolen out of the van and were cancelled when it was discovered they were missing.

Currently the college is working with their insurance provider to see what, if anything that the college insurance policy covers concerning the stolen items.

The team members have been filling out itemized forms that will be given back to the Phoenix Police Department to show a complete list of what was stolen.

"It's saddening because we will never see that stuff again," Andrea Schiltz said.

The trip wasn't a complete wash for the team after their equipment was stolen.

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Courtesy Photo
Shards of glass remain after the women's golf van was broken into.

FROM THE BULLPEN

Fans need to step up their game

AUSTIN DRAUDE *STAFF WRITER*

It's official: I've come down with the same epidemic that's swept the campus this week. I have March Madness, and I have the ruined bracket to prove it.

Even though NCAA tickets are way out of my price range this month, I went to Des Moines over break to experience a different kind of March Madness: the state girls' basketball tournament. The Des Moines East High Scarlets made the tournament for the first time since 1990, so it only seemed natural to go and support my alma mater.

The high-school basketball tournament is an otherworldly experience. It's a world where school spirit flows as freely as the overpriced Coke. It's a world where everyone has someone to root for and where fans bleed their school's colors.

The student sections are always well-organized and well-led, where most wear the same colors and those that don't immediately wish they had. The chants are always loud, and unless your team loses, the fun never seems to end.

Forgive me for being blunt, but the state tournament atmosphere is a stark contrast to the Wartburg basketball games this year. There were no deafening roars after a 3-pointer, and there certainly weren't any organized chants beyond what the cheerleaders drummed up.

I realize this year's "home" games weren't exactly in Wartburg's neighborhood, but just because the gym is decorated in the wrong colors and isn't in the same town as Joe's and the Goat is no reason to give the Knights any less support than we usually do.

The "Castle Crazies" would be a perfect name for a new and improved student section, and there's actually a Facebook group

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WEEKLY SCORES

Baseball	Softball	Men's Tennis	Indoor Track
def. Webster 4-3 8-4 (Overall)	def. William Penn 3-2, 18-8 12-1 (Overall)	def. by Monmouth 8-1 1-1 (IIAC); 3-4 (Overall)	National Meet Men-tied for 43rd Women-tied for 14th